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**Hiker Rescued**

**Corona, CA** – On Saturday, March 7, 2015, at about 1604 hours, Riverside Sheriff's Department Dispatch received a call of a lost hiker on Skyline Trail that borders the City of Corona and Riverside County Sheriff's jurisdiction. The hiker stated he was injured and had no way of determining how to get back to the trail head. The hiker stated he did not believe he could make it out without assistance.

As a result of the above emergency, Riverside Police Department (RPD) was contacted requesting the support of our helicopter. Due to the recent collaborative between RPD and Corona PD, officers from both departments were assigned Air Support for today's shift.

Armed with this information and daylight quickly expiring, RPD Pilot Officer Jerry Post and his partner, Corona PD Observer Officer Ryan Hubbard, immediately responded to the location. They arrived at about 1630 hours and located a lone male hiker on a flat portion of a ridgeline waving his white t-shirt. The officers conducted several reconnaissance fly overs to see if they could land and pick up the hiker. A flat area was located about 40 yards from the hiker, which allowed the officers adequate room to land the helicopter. Upon contacting the hiker he had several cuts and bruises to his legs and arms but no serious injuries. The hiker was loaded into the helicopter and delivered to waiting emergency personnel who were at the trail head.